

WHY SOUTHWEST IOWA REGIONAL LABORSHED AREA

A STUDY IN LABOR AVAILABILITY AND WORKFORCE CHARACTERISTICS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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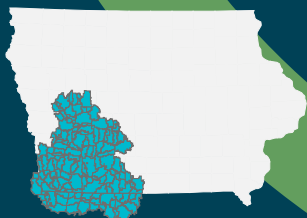
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ESTIMATED POPULATION
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152,551

TOTAL ESTIMATED LABOR FORCE
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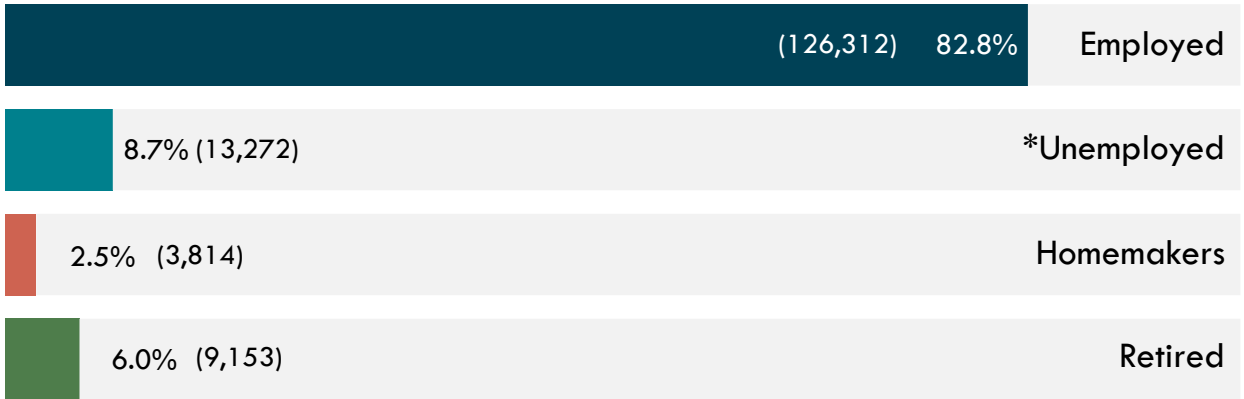
121,219



AREA SHOWN

WHY SOUTHWEST IOWA LABORSHED ANALYSIS

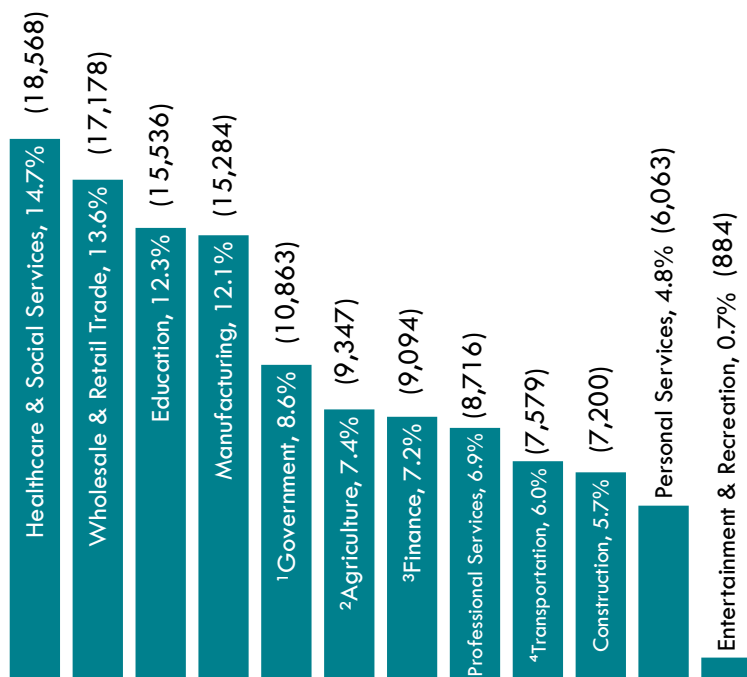
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (ESTIMATED TOTAL)*



*Employment status is self-identified by the survey respondent. The unemployment percentage above does not reflect the unemployment rate published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which applies a stricter definition.



BREAKOUT OF THE EMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY (ESTIMATED TOTAL)



¹Public Administration, Government
³Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate

²Agriculture, Forestry, & Mining
⁴Transportation, Communications, & Utilities

TOP CURRENT BENEFITS OF THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYED

	Health/Medical Insurance	87.4%
	Paid Holidays	77.4%
	Pension/Retirement/401K	76.7%
	Dental Coverage	73.7%
	Life Insurance	72.2%
	Vision Coverage	69.2%
	Paid Vacation	67.5%
	Disability Insurance	63.4%
	Paid Sick Leave	46.9%
	Paid Time Off	42.2%

A Laborshed area is defined by its commuting pattern and illustrates which communities contribute to an employment center's workforce and at what level. To determine the boundaries of a Laborshed area, local employers supply the residential ZIP codes of each of their employees. The data in this publication reflects characteristics specific to the workforce in the Why Southwest Iowa Laborshed

The employed are currently commuting an average of—

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miles one-way for an employment opportunity

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17
minutes

EMPLOYED: LIKELY TO CHANGE

- **26.2%** of employed individuals are likely to change their current employment situation for a new opportunity.

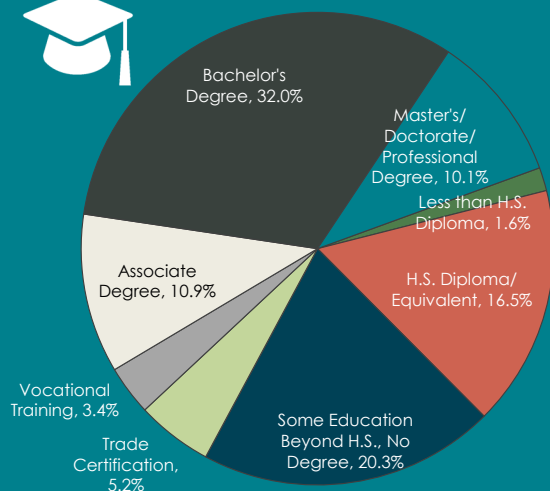
• Current occupational categories:

Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	32.3%
Production, Construction, Material Moving	22.6%
Managerial	12.8%
Service	12.0%
Clerical	11.1%
Sales	6.5%
Agricultural	2.7%

• Current median wages: \$

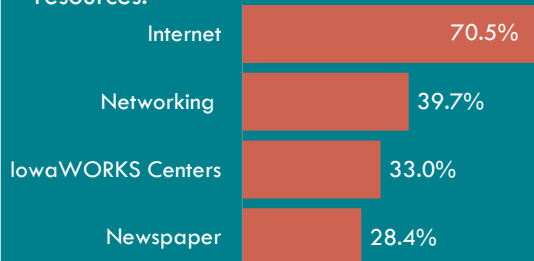
- \$16.00/hour and \$59,000/year
- \$20.00/hour - attracts 66%
- \$24.00/hour - attracts 75%

- 81.9% have an education beyond HS



- **26.1%** are actively seeking employment

• Most frequently identified job search resources:



• Top sites:



• Top newspapers:



• Commute:

- Currently commuting an average of **14 miles/18 minutes** (one-way) to work
- Willing to commute an average of **29 miles/36 minutes** (one-way) to work

UNEMPLOYED: LIKELY TO ACCEPT

- **56.1%** of unemployed individuals are likely to accept an employment opportunity.

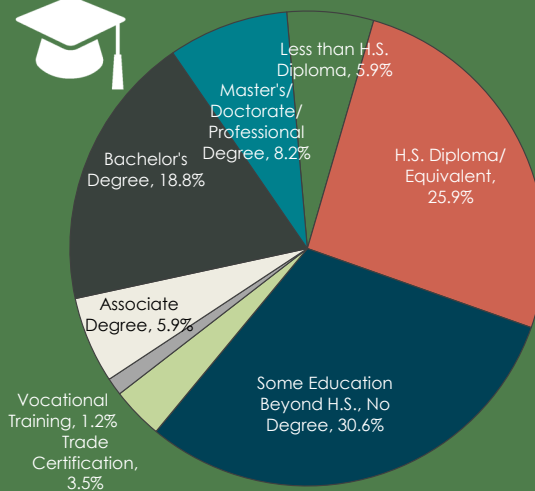
• Former occupational categories:

Production, Construction, Material Moving	32.8%
Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	23.7%
Service	23.7%
Clerical	6.6%
Managerial	6.6%
Sales	5.3%
Agricultural	1.3%

• Median wages: \$

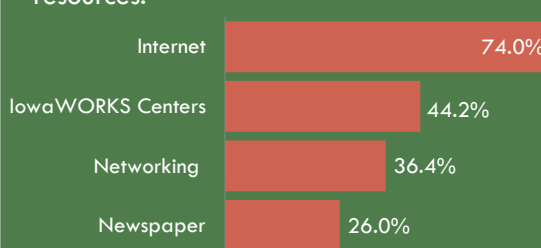
- \$14.00/hour - lowest willing to accept
- \$15.00/hour - attracts 66%
- \$17.00/hour - attracts 75%

- 68.2% have an education beyond HS



- **57.5%** are actively seeking employment

• Most frequently identified job search resources:



• Top sites:



• Top newspapers:



• Commute:

- Willing to commute an average of **24 miles/34 minutes** (one-way) to work



This regional analysis is based on aggregated data from the Atlantic, Clarinda, Corning, Hamburg, Lenox, Mount Ayr, and Red Oak Laborshed studies.

These results are based upon a total of

1,789
completed surveys.

For more data visit:
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EDUCATION OF AVAILABLE LABOR BY INDUSTRY OF CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYMENT

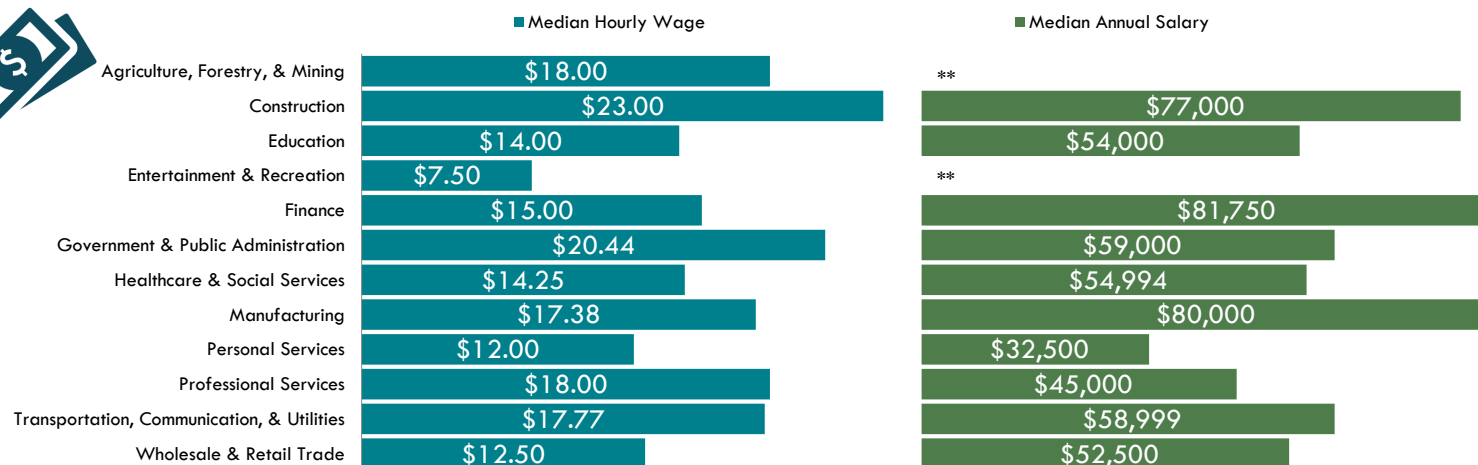
Data on this page is specific to only those survey respondents that reported they are likely to change or accept employment.



Industry	Education Beyond HS	Some Education Beyond HS, No Degree Obtained	Trade Certification/Vocational Training	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Above
Agriculture	81.3%	18.7%	31.3%	0.0%	31.3%
Construction	71.4%	14.3%	19.0%	4.8%	33.3%
Education	91.2%	8.8%	3.5%	3.5%	75.4%
Entertainment & Recreation	100%	62.5%	0.0%	25.0%	12.5%
Finance	83.3%	20.8%	0.0%	4.2%	58.3%
Government	89.5%	13.2%	7.9%	18.4%	50.0%
Healthcare & Social Services	83.1%	18.3%	9.9%	14.1%	40.8%
Manufacturing	73.0%	35.1%	2.7%	12.2%	23.0%
Personal Services	71.4%	14.3%	9.5%	0.0%	47.6%
Professional Services	79.3%	10.3%	3.4%	10.3%	55.3%
Transportation	63.3%	16.7%	6.7%	13.3%	26.6%
Wholesale & Retail Trade	75.5%	30.4%	8.8%	9.8%	26.5%

Top percentages among industries per education level are highlighted in the table.

WAGES OF AVAILABLE LABOR BY INDUSTRY OF CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYMENT



**Insufficient survey data/refused. A lack of data for a particular industry is not necessarily indicative that there were no (or few) individuals surveyed within that industry. Rather, it may be that there simply were no respondents within that industry that also reported that they are likely to change or accept employment.

Note: A wide variety of occupations are included within these industry categories. Industry classification is based upon the respondent's reported current or former employer. Two respondents that work for a manufacturer will be classified within the manufacturing industry even if, for example, one respondent is a custodian and the other is an accountant.

UNDEREMPLOYMENT

The underemployed are working fewer than 35 hours per week but desire more hours (**inadequate hours**); in positions that do not meet their skill or education level, or have worked for higher wages at previous employment (**mismatch of skills**); or are earning wages equal to or less than the national poverty level and work 35 or more hours per week (**low income**).

Percent Surveyed	
Inadequate Hours	1.6%
Low Income	0.6%

Percent Surveyed	
Mismatch of Skills	5.5%
Σ †Total	6.9%

†Individuals may be underemployed for more than one reason but are counted only once for total estimated underemployment.

Note: To be counted as underemployed in any category an individual must be currently employed and likely to change their current employment situation.

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